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TAGS: SHUM PINT ES CR
SUBJ: DESIRE OF SALVADOREAN EXILE TO TESTIFY BEFORE
CONGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 0671, (B) SAN JOSE AIRGRAM DATED 10/30/77

1. EMBASSY HAS CHECKED POLITICAL, CONSULAR AND DATT
FILES WITH A PRE-CHECK NOTE IN CONSULAR FILES,
DATED 1967, ONLY MENTION OF MARIO CLIMACO. DOES NOT APPEAR
ON EMBASSY'S CONSOLIDATED LIST OF POLITICAL
PRISONERS.

2. CLIMACO PRESUMED TO BE MEMBER OF OPPOSITION
POLITICAL COALITION, UNO, WHICH SUPPORTED CLAREMONT
IN 1977 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, BUT HE DID NOT PLAY
PROMINENT ROLE IN CAMPAIGN. STATEMENT THAT HE WAS
IMPRISONED AND TORTURED BY GOES DURING PERIOD
MARCH 2 TO JULY 9, 1977 CANNOT BE VERIFIED, BUT
SEVERAL MEMBERS OF UNO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN
ARRESTED BY GOES DURING THIS POST-ELECTION PERIOD.

3. PDC (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADING
COMPONENT OF UNO) SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT NAME
WAS VAGUELY FAMILIAR TO HIM BUT THAT CLIMACO
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HAD CERTAINLY NOT BEEN A MAJOR OPPOSITION FIGURE
IN 1977 ELECTIONS.

COMMENT: EMBASSY'S LACK OF INFORMATION
CONCERNING CLIMACO DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN
THAT HIS STORY IS UNTRUE, BUT DOES RAISE QUESTIONS
SINCE INFORMATION FROM CHURCH, OPPOSITION POLITICAL

PARTIES AND OTHERS CONCERNING IMPRISONMENT AND
TORTURE GENERALLY WELL PUBLICIZED.
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